Earnest money payable by Small Scale Industrial Units

2839. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation of India is allowing 50 per cent of the usual (1 per cent) earnest money deposit to be paid by Small Scale Industrial Units situated in backward areas for allocation of canalised drugs;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not giving the same concession to the S.S.I. units which had purchased their raw materials from M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited during the period 1985 to March 1988; and

(c) whether Government will allow the concession retrospectively, so that S.S.I. units whose earnest money deposits had been forfeited due to non-purchase within the stipulated period can get a refund from the public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) This facility was being given by the State Trading Corporation as per the Import-Export policy 1985—88 in respect of canalised items only. During the period no canalised item was distributed by IDPL.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems of employess of SCIL, Calcutta

2840. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received memoranda dated 15th October, 1987 and 28th September, 1988 and other communications from SCIL, India Employees' Association, Calcutta about the affairs of the company;

(b) if so, what are the details of the problems contained in the above memoranda; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the situation in the SCIL; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) A memorandum dated 15th October, 1987 and an appeal dated 29th September, 1988 have been received from SCIL India Employees' Association, Calcutta, about the affairs of the company. The Association has *inter-alia* alleged mismanagement and siphoning of funds of the company causing loss of credibility and financial crisis which have adversely affected the employees.

The books of accounts of the company have been inspected under section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956 and such action as might be deemed fit and proper under the Companies Act, would be taken.

2841. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1988.*]

इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड द्वारा वितरकों को घरेलू गैस की पूर्ति में विलम्ब

2842. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के घरेलू गैस वितरक समय-समय पर सिलेण्डरों की सप्लाई प्राप्त करने के लिए इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के पास ड्राफ्ट जमा कर देते हैं परन्तु तेल कंपनी द्वारा विशेषकर पूर्वी दिल्ली के वितरकों को कभी भी इनकी समय पर सप्लाई नहीं की जाती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा वितरकों की मांग तत्परता से पूरी की जाती है, परन्तु कभी-कभी आवागमन, औद्योगिक संबंधों,